

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE BURBANK CITY COUNCIL FEBRUARY 8, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of February 8, 2017 was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Mayor Klein in the Council Chambers at 6530 W. 79<sup>th</sup> Street in Burbank, Illinois.

**ROLL CALL** 

Roll call indicated the following Council members present:

Alderman Foy, Contreras, Szymczak, Grider, Pacella, Piznarski and Pyle. Also present: Mayor Klein, Treasurer Viverito, Clerk Roach and Attorney Vince Cainkar.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

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Motion made by Alderman Grider seconded by Alderman Contreras to approve the minutes of January 25, 2017 as presented was unaminously approved by voice vote and so declared by the Chair.

CURRENT BILLS Motion made by Alderman Grider seconded by Alderman Szymczak to approve the current list of bills. A roll call vote indicated 7 Ayes and 0 Nays. Voting Aye: Alderman Foy, Pacella, Grider, Szymczak, Piznarski, Pyle and Contreras.

CLERK'S REPORT Clerk Roach reported that we will be closed Monday February 20, 2017 in commemoration of President's day.

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Mayor Klein pointed out mostly for the Reavis students that the agenda date which says January 25<sup>th</sup> should have been February 8<sup>th</sup> so he told everyone to please change the agenda date to February 8<sup>th</sup>. So we have a correct agenda.

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MENT OF ZONING Alderman Foy made the motion seconded by Alderman Pyle to approve Ordinance No. **4-2-17 authorizing** a variation to allow the construction of a six-foot front/side yard fence at 7952 South Natoma Avenue. A roll call vote indicated 7 Ayes and 0 Nays. Voting Aye; Alderman Grider, Pacella, Foy, Szymczak, Piznarski, Pyle and Contreras.

Alderman Foy made a motion to revisit Item 16-11-1 seconded by Alderman Szymczak to untable it. A roll call vote indicated 7 Ayes and 0 Nays, Voting Aye; Alderman Contreras, Pacella, Grider, Szymczak, Piznarski, Pyle and Foy.

Alderman Foy made a motion seconded by Alderman Contreras to authorize the attorney to prepare an ordinance for Item 16-11-1 Anthony Medrano 8510 S. Cicero, Burbank, Illinois. The petitioner is requesting a special use to convert an existing building into a day care center. This was approved by Zoning and we now have all the changes on their plans A roll call vote indicated 7 Ayes and 0 Nays. Voting Aye: Alderman Piznarski. Contreras, Pyle, Foy, Szymczak, Grider, and Pacella.

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#### CITIZENS REPORT

The Chair recognized Charles Bandusky of 8548 S. Lavergne who was concerned about if the Mayor was staying in Burbank or moving out of state when he retires. Mayor Klein said he did not think that was a question referring to Council business. He then said he wanted the Mayor to come over to his house to see what he was dealing with the dogs next door which he considered very viscous.

He then asked about the building at 4832 West 83<sup>rd</sup> Street where the balcony was falling down, The Mayor told him he would have the building Commissioner looking into it and Mr, Bandusky said he was told that six months ago. Mayor Klein said he will have him check on 'it again,

The Chair recognized Jerry Synoga of 8109 Normandy who was concerned about when Eligo's contract was up who we would be going with as he had gone back to Com Ed and said they were cheaper than Eligo. Mayor Klein told him we would go with the best deal for the citizens of Burbank and for the reference of the Reavis students he is talking about Eligo who is a provider of the energy. Com Ed still does all the maintenance of the lines and everything that goes with the electrical power lines and kilowatt hours.

The Chair recognized John Przytula of 8500 S. Oak Park who had a question about delinquent real estate taxes. He said he opened the Sun Times and went through the list and found Burbank with a 116 residents with delinquent taxes plus some businesses totaling \$448,000 and that is like 5% which is about \$50,000 loss. Plus 17 houses down we think it is about \$70,000 . He wanted to know how we are going to compensate for that loss. Mayor Klein said he would like the attorney to answer that question.

Attorney Cainkar told him that first of all what you saw is an ad for a tax sale. If those properties are sold at the tax sale, the person buying them must pay those taxes that you saw in the newspaper assuming they were sold so there is no loss there. If they are not sold it goes on a scavenger sale a year or two from now and you have to adjust to that. He then said a lot of those properties are exempt and should not be on the rolls and it takes about a year and a half to get them off the tax rolls. He then said our collections of the City of Burbank taxes are very high and they approach about 99% Some of the far southside communities tax collections approach 60 to 70 per cent so we are no different than Oak Lawn, Evergreen Park, Bridgeview or Alsip. Our tax collections are about 98 to 99% and some time 100% It is a loss revenue but not a big loss revenue.

## DEPT. OF ADMINIS-TRATION

Mayor Klein then invited the Reavis students in the audience to come up after the meeting is adjourned and that anyone at the front table or at the Council table could sign their government class papers.

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## MOTION TO ADJOURN

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn, The motion was made by Alderman Szymczak seconded by Alderman Foy to adjourn was agreed upon by voice vote and so declared by the Chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

PATRICIA E. ROACH, CITY CLERK

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_